WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORREST ARMSTRONG, Applicant

vs.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION; STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND, *Defendants*

Adjudication Number: ADJ10311101 Sacramento District Office

OPINION AND ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REMOVAL

On March 29, 2021, applicant filed a Petition for Reconsideration or in the Alternative Petition for Removal from a March 11, 2021 Minute Order wherein the WCJ noted that he had requested a new commutation from the Disability Evaluation Unit (DEU). We have considered the allegations of the petition and the contents of the report of the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) with respect thereto. No final nor non-final decision has issued in this case. Therefore, applicant is not aggrieved. Accordingly, we will dismiss both reconsideration and removal.

We also note that on March 18, 2021, applicant filed a Declaration of Readiness to Proceed (DOR) requesting to cross-examine the DEU rater regarding the March 12, 2021 commutation. Therefore, upon this matter's return to the trial level it should be set for further hearing.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Reconsideration and Removal is DISMISSED.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER



/s/ DEIDRA E. LOWE, COMMISSIONER

DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 20, 2021

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date.